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Roberts advises United Kingdom can accept proposed statement  
on contingency planning, subject to deletion in last sentence  
phrase "which should be in the near future". Also Foreign  
Office does not want British to volunteer statement, although  
has no objection to our doing so. View shortness of time,  
intend take up with Germans as modified by British, with view  
to having agreed statement ready for tomorrow's NAC. If, as  
we consider likely, questions are raised regarding Secretary's  
press statement of yesterday, particularly "we are in general  
agreement as to procedures we shall follow if physical means  
are invoked to interfere with our rights in this respect",  
intend to explain that Secretary's statement dealt with  
principles the implementing details of which remain to be worked  
out. Without some such explanation, proposed statement appears  
inconsistent with, and somewhat superseded by, Secretary's  
statement.

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